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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE STAFFING

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1. AS YOU ARE AWARE (REF B), STATE AND DEFENSE ANNOUNCED
A DECISION TO DISESTABLISH MAAG NORWAY BY 30 SEPT. 1976
AND REPLACE IT BY ASSIGNING UP TO THREE MILITARY PERSONNEL
UNDER THE AMBASSADOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 104 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS CONTROL ACT OF
1976. OSLO'S VIEWS ON MAAG REORGANIZATION (REF A) WERE
READ WITH INTEREST HERE AND HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY USEFUL
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IN THE ONGOING, BROADER STATE-DEFENSE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNITS.

2. THE SCOPE OF THE TOR GUIDELINES BEING DEVELOPED WILL INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, ALL OF WHICH WERE EXAMINED BY YOUR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS. PREPARATION OF EFFICIENCY REPORTS IS ONE SPECIFIC ISSUE UNDER REVIEW (PARA 6 REF A). JOINT STATE-DEFENSE GUIDANCE ON TOR'S SHOULD BE SENT TO POSTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHICH WILL ALLOW

CONSIDERABLE STAFFING FLEXIBILITY IN TAILORING THE REORGANIZATION TO THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF EACH AFFECTED POST. WE URGE YOU MAKE NO FIRM DECISIONS OR COMMITMENTS PENDING RECEIPT OF THIS GUIDANCE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND DEFENSE AND USCINCEUR ENVISAGE FOR OSLO A FULL AIR FORCE COLONEL IN CHARGE, ONE ARMY 0-5 AND ONE NAVY 0-5 PLUS ONE U.S. CIVILIAN SECRETARY/STENO FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. THE CASE FOR AN AIR FORCE 0-6 PRESENCE IN OSLO IS CONSIDERED A PARTICULARLY GOOD ONE IN LIGHT OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT F-16 PROGRAM. NO DECISION ON PERSONNEL STRUCTURE WILL BE IMPOSED, HOWEVER, AND IF YOU REMAIN CONVINCED THAT A TOTAL OF TWO OFFICERS CAN HANDLE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS, THIS VIEW SHOULD BE RESTATED IN YOUR REPLY TO FORTHCOMING GUIDANCE MESSAGE, BUT BACKED UP BY A FORCEFUL JUSTIFICATION OF WHICH OFFICER SLOT -- ARMY OR NAVY -- SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. USCINCEUR WILL ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU TO OBTAIN YOUR VIEWS ON STAFFING.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF COLONEL CROW, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A) HE WAS CAREFULLY SELECTED BY AIR FORCE FOR OSLO ASSIGNMENT AND HAS SPENT THE PAST YEAR DEEPLY INVOLVED IN F-16 ACTIVITIES. DEFENSE BELIEVES (AS DOES DEPARTMENT) HE WOULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM IN THIS KEY AREA.

B) HIS ASSIGNMENT TO NORWAY WOULD NOT AFFECT OVERALL MAAG
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REDUCTIONS AND DEFENSE IS PREPARED TO REASSIGN THE AIR FORCE LT. COL. WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME (2-3 MONTHS). WE NOTE THAT CANCELLING COLONEL CROW'S ASSIGNMENT SIMPLY POSTPONES FOR ONE YEAR THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANOTHER AIR FORCE OFFICER TO NORWAY.

C) COLONEL CROW, ASIDE FROM BEING AN OUTSTANDING OFFICER, SPENT SIX YEARS AS A "GUEST" OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. HE

HAS BEEN PREPARING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS ASSIGNMENT
FOR OVER ONE YEAR NOW.

IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT (1) USG INTERESTS WILL BE WELL
SERVED BY AN OFFICER OF COLONEL CROW'S CALIBER AND (2)
A SENSITIVE, HUMANITARIAN FACTOR IS PRESENT, WE URGE YOU
TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT OF THIS OFFICER. ROBINSON

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